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# Point of View

Many things have happened to Alec Ramsay over the past few months. The author has given us one view of how these events affect Alec. In the space below, list some of the things that have happened and how they have changed Alec’s life.

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Pretend you are someone who has known Alec for a long time: Whiff, Bill, Mr. Ramsay, or Mrs. Ramsay. Tell the story of Alec and the Black as your character experienced it.



How has your relationship with Alec changed?

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What have you seen or learned about Alec’s adventures?

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How has Alec changed as a result of his friendship with the Black?

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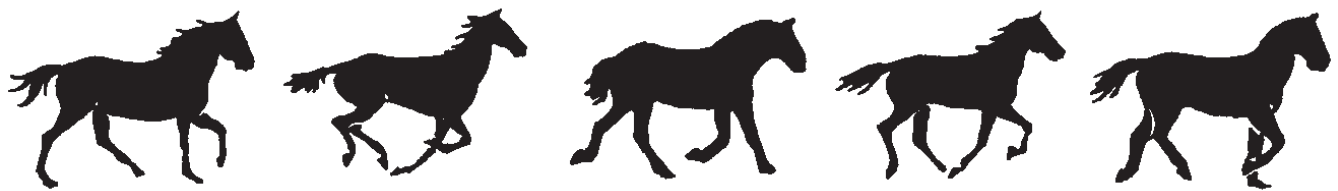
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# Race Day

Alec had his day of triumph at the Match Race. Big races are festive, exciting events. We have shared his struggles to tame and train his horse and learned a great deal about an ancient sport and its modern equivalent.

To celebrate our completion of Alec's journey, we can hold our own race which we will call the Ramsay Cup in honor of Alec and the Black.



Working together in appropriate size groups as a “team,” prepare an entry for the race. You will need to do the following:

- Assign roles to each member of the team—jockey, trainer, etc.
- Name your horse and be sure that you register him—use real information you have found or make up his lineage.
- Represent your horse in some way—a picture or model.
- Select the colors for your race team—Alec wore Henry's green shirt in the match race.
- Draw a race track on the chalkboard or poster board and decide how to indicate each horse's position. You will need to mark divisions on the track, as well. Races are usually measured in furlongs, which are 1/8 mile (.2 km). If there is room, you may have the “jockey” walk around a track on the floor.
- Prepare slips of paper with names, phrases, or questions from the story (see page 42).
- The race begins with each jockey rolling a die. The highest number goes first and draws a slip of paper from a container.
- He and his team must answer correctly in order to proceed to the first marker on the track. If the team is incorrect, the next entry has the opportunity to answer. Jockeys continue to take turns, answering questions and moving around the track.
- For added excitement, appoint a track announcer to report on the horses' positions.
- If you wish to invite other people to your race, create an announcement detailing the event. Be sure to include a list of the entries.